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Poll: US party conventions fail to win over Latinos



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republicans and Democrats both lost ground with Hispanic voters after their parties' respective convention, but President Barack Obama retains a commanding lead, a new survey released yesterday shows.

The poll by Latino Decisions found that 82 percent of Hispanics said they were almost certain to vote in the November 6 presidential elections, down from 85 percent two weeks ago.

The Republican convention in Tampa, Florida and the Democrats' event in Charlotte, North Carolina both sent targeted messages at the fast-growing and largest US ethnic minority. But the poll found they failed to win over Hispanics.

Hispanics with a favorable

view of Democrats slid from 64 percent before the conventions to 53 percent after, the poll found. The Republicans fared even worse, dropping from a 32 percent positive rating to 26 percent, the survey found.

The survey of 300 Hispanic US voters, however, showed that "Obama continues to maintain a large lead among Latinos following the DNC Convention with 66 percent support to 29 percent for Mitt Romney."

"Turnout though will be the key in many swing states," the pollsters said, adding that "Latino voter turnout is going to be critical in states like Colorado, Nevada, Florida and Virginia, and while a majority of Latinos currently plan to vote for Obama, the bigger question is just how many will come out to vote?"

West grant Kosovo full sovereignty

PRISTINA (AFP) - Western powers which have overseen Kosovo since its 2008 unilateral declaration of independence from Serbia have ended their supervision over the territory, a top official said yesterday.

The Kosovar leadership welcomed what it called a "historic turnaround" but also recognised the challenge of trying to integrate the ethnic Serbs in the north while Serbia dismissed the announcement as meaningless.

"The supervision of Kosovo is finished," Dutch diplomat Pieter Feith, the highest international representative in Kosovo, told a press conference, speaking in Albanian.

"The International Steering Group has decided to end the period of Kosovo's supervised independence," Feith said.

Prime Minister Hashim Thaci called the decision a "historic turnaround" for Kosovo.

"This is an international success for Kosovo which confirms that the international community respects Kosovo," he said at the joint press conference with Feith.

The International Steering Group (ISG), made up of 23 European Union members, Turkey and the United States, had overseen Kosovo for the last four years.

In July the ISG said the end of supervision would mean Kosovo would gain "full sovereignty". However, on the ground Pristina has no effective control over Serb-majority northern Kosovo which rejects the ethnic Albanian authorities.

Thaci conceded yesterday that there was a lot of work still to be done.

US President Barack Obama hailed the ISG move as a "historic milestone" for Kosovo, over four years after its hotly contested declaration of independence.

"With the optimism, energy and determination characteristic of its people, Kosovo has made significant progress in solidifying the gains of indepen-



dence and in building the institutions of a modern, multi-ethnic, inclusive and democratic state," Obama said.

Kosovo and its two million majority ethnic-Albanian population had been under some form of international administration since a NATO bombing campaign forced then Serbian strongman Slobodan Milosevic's troops out of the Serbian province in 1999.

The end of so-called supervised independence will not affect the presence of the NATO-led KFOR peacekeeping force in charge of security or European rule-of-law mission EULEX, which was created to boost the justice system.

Kosovo is among the poorest regions in Europe, with almost half of the population jobless and poor, according to international surveys.



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CEA completes two security training programs



Personnel of the Aruba Special Corps (Cuerpo Especial Arubano – CEA) recently completed two different security training programs. And, last Friday, the Minister of Justice participated in the celebration and presentation of the certificates presented to those who completed the training programs.

The two courses, “Security Search Procedures Training,” and “Security Search Procedures Recurrent Training” was offered respectively to 15 and 33 employees of CEA by spe-

cialist in aviation security, Mr. Djildo Kock.

The training came at an opportune time, according to the Minister, when personnel received clear instructions on what to do and how to handle certain situations. Next week they will receive the theoretical part of the program, and then the judicial section will be covered in another specific course for those working in KIA.

Mr. Kock, TSA US certified as an ICAO trainer, adapted the courses to the needs of the CEA and KIA personnel. The

courses were offered as part of an agreement with the Aruba Airport Authority, CEA and KIA. The agreement entails that the Airport Authority will provide one or more courses per year to CEA and KIA.

The students learned, among others, how to screen persons entering the prison, how to inspect suitcases, how to do physical body searches using their hands, known as a “pat-down” or “frisking.” They also learned how to check persons through the use of different equipment.

CEA Director, Ronny Geerman expressed that the training was very important, especially considering their intent on elevating the security at KIA with the installation of a metal detector. Geerman expressed the hope that soon they will add more security equipment at KIA to improve the security even more. He concluded by saying that it is very important that the CEA agents are cognizant of the use of the technology and techniques for preventing the entrance of prohibited articles unto the KIA premises.

Application for “Landsexamen” 2013

ORANJESTAD -- As of school year 2010-2011 the state exams for VWO/HAVO/MAVO are being examined according to the “Estilo Nobo” (new style). The new style state exams are designed in accordance with a profile. The student can choose one of the three profiles, namely, “Mens en Maatschappijwetenschappen,” “Natuurwetenschappen” en “Humaniora.”

Application for the 2013 state exams should be filled during the period September 1 to September 30, 2012.

The application form can be obtained on the website of the Department of Education at www.ea.aw, and under letter L. The form should be downloaded and filled in, then submitted to the Examen Bureau in the Belgiestraat #2. Candidates, who have complied with all the registration regulations and have passed the screening process, will be notified to submit the required documents to complete the registration.

Applications submitted after September 30, 2012, and those not filled out correctly or completely will not be processed.

Participation at the state exams for MAVO/HAVO/VWO 2013 requires the student to:

1. a. have submitted an application form in time (before October 1 2012) properly filled in and submitted at the proper office.

b. pay the the required exam fee on time

c. have reached, by April 1, 2013, the age of:

* 17 years or more to sit the state exams for MAVO

* 18 years or more to sit the state exams for HAVO

* 19 years or more to sit the state exams for VWO

2. With the exclusion of point 1, students for the MAVO/HAVO/VWO may also participate in the state exams if they want to sit for a one subject diploma at the level of the school they are attending. The subject for which they want to do the state exam may not be part of the list of subjects the student is taking at school.

Certificates obtained in Aruba under the auspices of the State Exams, have a validity of 10 years as of August 1, 2012. This means that certificates older than 10 years may not be traded for a VWO, HAVO or MAVO diploma.

Validity of Certificates

The Aruba Department of Education (DEA) announces that:

1. As of August 1, 2012 the certificates of the State Exams and evening education for MAVO, HAVO and VWO that have already been issued have a validity of a maximum of 10 years.

2. The above mentioned (point 1) is applicable to certificates for:

* Handelskennis” (MAVO)

* “Handelswetenschappen en recht” (HAVO)

* “Economische wetenschappen I en recht” (VWO)

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Emphatically, No hotel permit for Tierra Del Sol!



ORANJESTAD -- Recently it has been rumored that a hotel could be built in the Arashi area. The Minister of Tourism was approached on this matter. The Minister indicated that on three different occasions the government sat down with the Board of Tierra Del Sol during which deliberations he stated that the government will not issue any permit for hotel construction in keeping with the cur-

rent government policy.

The STA union recently informed the government that they were notified by the Board of Tierra Del Sol that they were waiting on a building permit for the construction of a hotel. In response to this, the Minister categorically denied any kind of agreement of any such permit, and that there is absolutely no intention of issuing any such permit at anytime.

The government has decreed that they will not be allowing any more hotel rooms to be built in the Oranjestad areas, and much less for hotels of large magnitude. It may be possible to allow for a small boutique hotel - that could be considered, said Oduber.

The Minister emphasized that for Tierra Del Sol, the government will not issue any building permit for a hotel! Oduber indicated that there are a number of permits that were issued during the tenure of the previous government and that there is little clarity on all those permits. But as for the current government, they have decided to limit the construction of large projects. The Minister reported that some of those permits have expired and may not be renewed, others they have eliminated, which means that they have succeeded in reducing the number of rooms that can be built on Aruba in the coming years.

Government pledges support for investment in San Nicolas



SAN NICOLAS -- The government is working on attracting investors for development in San Nicolas. According to the Minister of Tourism, he is currently deliberating with the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister for the creation of fiscal incentive packages that they could offer anyone interested in investing in the San Nicolas area and vicinity.

With respect to the hotel in the Seroe Colorado area, he reported that this is a project that started way back some 7 years ago, five years under the previous government. The investors received an extension

on their land option which expired last year. This option will not be renewed until the group can present a back up for the necessary financing of a project of such magnitude.

The Minister reported that they will continue the same policy with any other group. They will afford the Divi group the opportunity to acquire the necessary financing, because he believes that this will be a very positive project for the San Nicolas area. Oduber said that the government will give their total support to this group or to any other group who want to invest in the San Nicolas area.

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Simply Sensational Sunday Brunch in Sunset Grill at the Radisson

Those in the know are making their Sunday mornings special once again, by meeting and greeting at the Champagne Sunday Brunch, recently re-launched by the Radisson Resort, Casino & Spa. Island media was invited to sample and sip the stunning feast presented in the Sunset Grill this past Sunday, under the watchful eye of Executive Chef Kien-Fat Lie-Kwie.

Patrons are greeted by mimosas or a champagne toast, and a seemingly endless array of gourmet treats. Smoked fish, ceviche and a dozen marinated salads adorn the di-



Fresh salads and peel and eat shrimp



verse salad bar. The Radisson's famous seafood chowder is front and center, as well as a tasty assortment of classic breakfast meats and a carving station of baked ham and roast beef.

The omelet station is well staffed, so there is no long wait

for your made-to-order eggs or omelets, or choose to have fresh fruits flamed with ice cream, a perfect way to garnish pancakes or French toast. An endless bounty of delicious desserts completes this cornucopia of culinary magic.

Did we deploy too many superlatives? Not really! Local media, who are often invited to sample such fare, had to agree: the brunch was beautifully presented and everything was delectable. The setting of Sunset Grill adds immeasurably to the enjoyment of the meal; whether choosing the terrace for a better view or relaxing in air-conditioned comfort, the vista through the picture windows is



Pancakes and French toast with fresh fruit

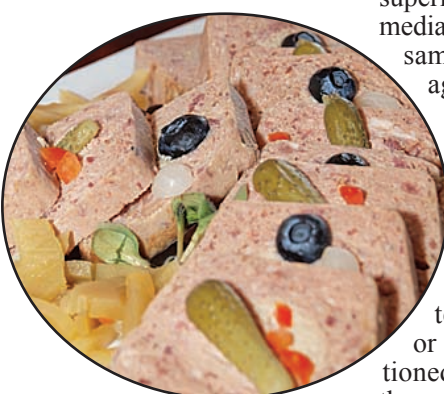
a constant reminder one is breakfasting in paradise.

The Champagne Brunch at the Radisson is every Sunday from 11:00AM to 2:00PM, and cost \$39.50 for adults, \$19.75 for children six to twelve years, and youngsters under five are free.

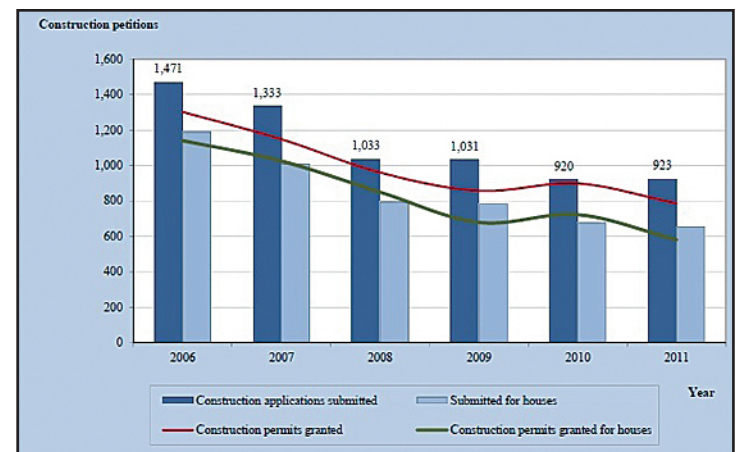
by Rosalie Klein



Smoked Salmon.



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Building permits 2006-2011

ORANJESTAD -- According to Parliamentarian Juan David Yrausquin, the government has the instrument to stimulate the economy and to create jobs without this costing the country lots of money. According to the Parliamentarian, the practical formula for stimulating the economy is in issuing land and construction permits in an accelerated fashion for the construction of private homes.

Data from the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) have revealed that in the past 5 years the number of construction permits issued for building homes have dropped considerably. In 2006 a total of 1,141 permits were issued for the construction of homes, but by 2011 this number dropped to 581 permits issued. There are, reportedly, more than 15,000 persons waiting for parcels of land for which they have petitioned. A large percentage of these petitioners are ready to build the moment they receive the requested land.

What's more, a large number of people have land upon which they can build, but are endlessly waiting for a building permit. Both processes are taking much too long. According to Yrausquin, the government departments, DIP, Kadaster and DOW should join forces and stimulate the

economy and help create jobs by accelerating the process for obtaining land and building permits. In his view, these departments can create and apply just and transparent processes quickly that will ensure that homes can be built in a relatively short time.

According to CBS data, homes built in 2011 had a total value of 108.4 million Aruban florins. If this number is doubled, we can stimulate our economy to the tune of about 100 million Aruban florins, says Yrausquin. The 2006 figures reveal that this is an achievable goal. An even greater challenge...should we tripled the amount of homes built, we can stimulate the economy by more or less 200 million Aruban florins. According to construction experts, between 40 and 50% of this sum mentioned, close to 80 million Aruban florins, goes into labor while the difference, about 100 to 120 million Aruban florins, goes into purchasing material.

Yrausquin is convinced that we can achieve this. But the government and government departments must put their shoulders to the task to realize this goal to help stimulate the economy and to create jobs that our people can make good use of at this time.

Bon Bini Festival is tonight



The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Bon Bini Festival is the only weekly folkloric event on the island. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture.

This week the festival will feature music by the traditional Aruba caha di orgel, folkloric music, dance performance and brass band.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$5.

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ICC: Libya denies Kadhafi son trial imminent

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Libya has denied that slain dictator Moamer Kadhafi's son Seif al-Islam faces imminent trial on charges of crimes against humanity, The Hague-based International Criminal Court (ICC) said yesterday.

Seif has been charged with alleged crimes committed while trying to put down last year's bloody revolt that top-

pled his father after over 40 years in power, but the ICC wants him to be tried in The Netherlands.

In an interim report to the ICC on trial progress, Libya's post-Kadhafi administration dismissed claims from both the Libyan prosecution and the defence that Seif would go on trial this month in former rebel bastion Zintan.

Such claims are "baseless and false and rumours and lies," the report quoted the head of the Libyan General National Congress Mohammed Youssef al-Magariaf as saying.

The Libyan administration said it needed to form a government and name a public prosecutor before being able to say how it would proceed with the trial.

The ICC and the new Libyan administration are locked in a dispute over where Seif should be tried. His ICC lawyer has said that Seif would not receive a fair trial in Libya, where he could face the death penalty.

Libya said it wanted to submit a further report on progress towards putting Seif on trial, as well as former spy chief Ab-

dullah al-Senussi who was last week extradited from Mauritania to Libya, by September 28.

The ICC has issued a warrant for Seif's arrest but the new Libyan authorities have insisted that he stand trial in his home country. Libya in May formally challenged the ICC's right to try the only one of Kadhafi's sons to be held in the North African nation.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clinton: US not setting 'deadlines' on Iran nuclear issue

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States is not imposing a deadline on Iran as it seeks to persuade the Islamic republic to rein in its suspect nuclear program, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

"I think we've maintained a steady course of our two-pronged policy," Clinton told Bloomberg radio Sunday at the end of a trip to Asia.

"We have always said every option was on the table, but we believe in the negotiation, the diplomatic effort through the P5+1, but also pressure," she added in the remarks released yesterday.

Washington and Western nations accuse Iran of seeking a nuclear weapons capability

under the guise of a civilian program. Tehran denies the charges.

Clinton said tight sanctions imposed on Iran were having an effect, and that the group of nations leading negotiations, known as the P5+1, will keep working on the dossier even though negotiations with Tehran have ground to a halt.

The group comprised of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States as well as the European Union -- will meet in New York in the coming weeks on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, she said.

US-Mexico activists opposed to drug war arrive in Washington

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Activists who dismiss the US and Mexican war on drug cartels as an abject, tragic failure rolled into Washington yesterday after a monthlong cross-country trek to press for a new approach.

Those suggested alternatives include a stronger effort to deny cartels the guns they get from the United States and more work on rehab to cut America's voracious appetite for cocaine and other illegal drugs.

Just over 100 activists disembarked from a small fleet of buses for three days of demonstrations and other events in the US capital, completing what they called a "caravan for peace."

The journey began on August 10, took in 25 American cities and covered nearly 10,000 kilometers (6,000 miles). But the activists have no official meetings planned with US officials.

The drive was led by Javier Sicilia, a Mexican poet who emerged as the face of the protest movement against his government's war on drugs since his son and six others were found killed and tortured last year in an incident blamed on a local gang.

The caravan movement is a



The "Caravan for Peace" marches through the streets of Manhattan denouncing bank's implication in narco-traffic.

bi-national effort involving more than 100 US organizations and more than 50 in Mexico.

"We have managed to bring together that which the war divided, communities that were very far apart, such as Latinos and African-Americans," Sicilia told AFP outside a church that will serve as the movement's headquarters through Wednesday.

In June 2011, Sicilia's Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity organized a protest caravan linking Mexico City to the border town of Ciudad Juarez, considered the most violent city in Mexico.

Some 60,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence in Mexico since 2006, when President Felipe Calderon deployed the military to combat cartels, according to estimates from non-governmental organizations.

Sicilia's spontaneous movement mushroomed as it tried to shift the focus in the drug war and have people examine it

from the standpoint of those slain, their relatives and the families of people who have gone missing.

Sicilia and some 50 other Mexicans decided to press on with the protests and take it across the United States.

Sicilia and his US hosts, which include the Washington Office on Latin America, a human rights group, will go to the US Congress today in hopes of being received by lawmakers.

They will also demonstrate outside the White House and hold meetings with labor leaders before staging a final vigil on Wednesday.

Sicilia described the numbers as mere abstractions.

"There is nothing like seeing and hearing people's suffering," he said.

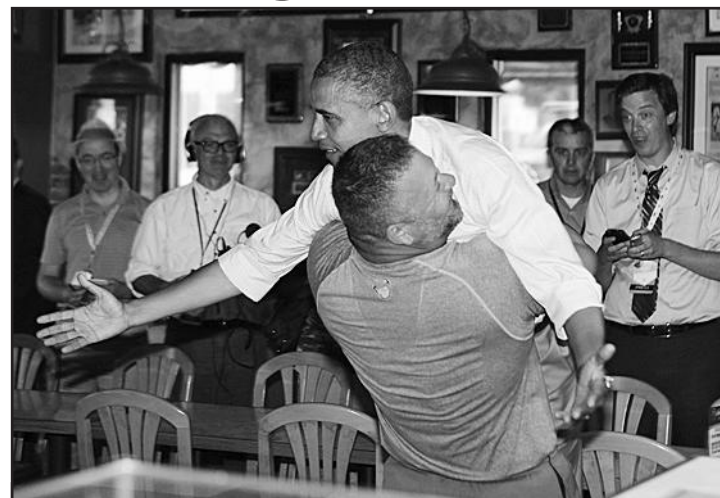
Ted Lewis, human rights director at the group Global Exchange, said the caravan "has been clearly a huge step in making these issues visible, but it has to continue. The path is being imagined right now."

Nicaragua evacuates 3,000 as volcano spews ash



A farmer rides his horse in a peanut field as ash continues to spew out of the San Cristobal volcano (background), at Chinandega city on September 9, 2012. Nicaragua's tallest volcano belched an ash plume up to 2 1/2 miles (4 km) into the atmosphere on Saturday, prompting the evacuation of hundreds of nearby residents who heard eruptions emanating from its crater. The 1,740-meter (5,740-foot) volcano sits 140 kilometers (87 miles) northwest of Managua, the capital. It has been active since 1520. Nicaragua has been on alert since a strong earthquake shook neighboring Costa Rica on Wednesday and then a swarm of 17 minor tremors were recorded in the area around Lake Managua next to the capital the following day.

Obama gets airborne bear hug



U.S. President Barack Obama holds on as he is hugged and picked up by Scott Van Duzer at Big Apple Pizza and Pasta Italian Restaurant in Fort Pierce, Florida, while campaigning across the state by bus on September 9, 2012

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Murder weapon identified as Alps shooting probe stalls

ANNECY (AFP) - Detectives probing a massacre in the French Alps yesterday identified the type of weapon used in the horrifying attack but there was no sign of any other breakthrough in the investigation.

A source close to the probe told AFP that only one weapon, a 7.65mm automatic pistol, was used to kill three members of a British-Iraqi family and a passing French cyclist on September 5.

Progress on other fronts stalled however with one of the child survivors of the attack still unable to talk to investigators and the suspected discovery of explosives at the family's home near London turning out to be a false alarm.

The revelation about the type of gun used to fire two bullets into the heads of each of the victims followed initial analysis of 25 spent cartridges discovered at the scene of the murder and bullets retrieved from the corpses.

The high number of cartridges found had led to speculation that there might have

been more than one shooter.

The 7.65mm calibre is one used in a range of "relatively old, even outdated", medium calibre pistols which are easy to conceal, according to Yves Gollety, the president of France's Chamber of Gunsmiths.

It has been used for automatic pistols including the Walther PP, widely used by police forces around the world, and the Mauser, developed for Germany's armed forces.

It was also used for Unic model issued to French police in the 1950s and 1960s and numerous weapons manufactured in the former communist states of eastern Europe, Gollety said.

Forensic specialists are able to establish whether different bullets came from the same gun by microscopic comparison of traces created by their passage through the barrel of the weapon.

This ballistic fingerprint may also help investigators establish where the bullets came from and whether the pistol had been used in other crimes.

US probe: Records missing from fuel costs for Afghan army

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US-led command in Afghanistan shredded financial paperwork for more than \$475 million worth of fuel purchases for the Afghan army over four years, triggering a probe of potential fraud, US investigators said yesterday.

All records covering fuel costs for the Afghan army from October 2006 to February 2011 have been destroyed, US and NATO officers told the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), which tracks how government funds are spent in the war-torn country.

The special inspector general, John Sopko, said his office planned to investigate the shredding and urged Defense Secretary Leon Panetta to find out what went wrong.

"SIGAR also strongly recommends that you look into the causes and circumstances of the reported shredding, as well as any actions taken based on your own standards," Sopko said in a letter to the Pentagon chief.

The investigators also warned that the NATO command lacks accurate information on fuel costs for the Afghan National Army (ANA), as well as where and how the fuel is used or how much fuel

has been lost or stolen.

The inspector general's office warned the Defense Department that the absence of reliable figures could hamper any effort to cover an expected rise in fuel costs as well as plans to have a portion of the fuel purchases be made through direct payments of US funds to the Afghan government.

The office said "unless funding levels based on accurate ANA fuel requirements are developed and effective controls instituted prior to the transition date, both ANA fuel and ASFF (Afghanistan Security Forces Fund) funds will be vulnerable to theft and waste."

"Basic information such as the location and storage capacity of ANA fuel sites, as well as the amount of fuel consumed at these sites, was still unknown as of June 2012," it said.

US and NATO forces are due to hand over security for the whole country to the Afghan government by the end of 2014, while transferring re-

sponsibility for logistics and fuel in January.

But the United States and other countries will keep paying for the Afghan forces' fuel, with funding expected to increase to \$555 million a year in 2014, compared to the current annual price tag of \$480 million.

The US-led command overseeing the training and equipping of the Afghan forces must come up with better financial controls before handing over the logistics job to the Afghans or spending more money on fuel, the inspector general's office said.

In response to the report, the multinational training command in Afghanistan agreed with most of the investigators' recommendations but took issue with a call to limit funding for fuel to \$306 million, saying it would result in a 37 percent reduction in security operations by Afghan forces.

The command made no comment about the reported shredding.

Power restored in Cuba after massive outage

HAVANA (AFP) - Power was restored in Cuba early yesterday after a massive outage caused by a malfunction in a high voltage power line cast much of the country into darkness for hours.

The blackout, which began at 10:08 pm local time (0008 GMT Monday), hit 10 of Cuba's 15 provinces, including Havana. Six provinces went totally dark for three hours, the state-run Electric

Union company said.

A malfunction on a high-voltage line between the cities of Ciego de Avila and Santa Clara disrupted service from the eastern province of Camaguey to Pinar del Rio at the western end of Cuba.

The cause of the malfunction was under investigation, the company said.

The situation in the capital -- where more than two million of Cuba's 11 million peo-

ple reside -- remained calm, although the police presence on some streets had been noticeably beefed up.

Many people in Havana left their homes to spend the night in the open because they could not use fans or air conditioning, and the heat inside -- about 30 degrees Celsius (near 90 degrees F) -- quickly became unbearable.



Chicago school teachers picket outside Wells High School on September 10, 2012 in Chicago, Illinois. More than 26,000 teachers and support staff hit the picket lines this morning after the Chicago Teachers Union failed to reach an agreement with the city on compensation, benefits and job security. With about 350,000 students, the Chicago school district is the third largest in the United States

Health & Living

Homeschooling gains traction among US families



WASHINGTON (AFP) - For a small but growing number of young Americans, the living room is the classroom when it comes to the "three R's" of reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

Homeschooling is growing in the United States, as parents who question the ability of conventional teaching to properly educate their children take matters into their own hands - with help from the Internet.

The Department of Education estimates that 1.5 million children aged five through 17, or 2.9 percent of all American youngsters, were home-schooled in 2007, the most recent year for which figures are

available.

That's a 74 percent increase from 1999 when the number stood at 850,000 youngsters.

The National Home Education Research Institute, which conducts ongoing research into homeschooling, puts its own estimate of home-schooled children at 2.2 million in 2010.

Childhood education is mandatory throughout the US, but rules vary between the 50 states -- all of which permit homeschooling, but half of which have no regulations over how parents teach their kids.

Sarah Tiller, a scientist and

mother of eight who lives in Washington, embraced home-schooling four years ago, starting by helping her eldest child with mathematics.

"I chose to teach them myself so that they would have a strong foundation in math and a knowledge of history from prehistoric to modern times," she said.

"I also wanted them to become independent thinkers and pursue subjects they were very interested in," added Tiller, whose husband is a surgeon.

School at the Tillers starts in the morning with math "every day" plus history, Latin and Italian. In the afternoon, the older children do exercises or projects.

Fourteen-year-old Katherine Tiller said she appreciates the "one-on-one" nature of homeschooling, while sister Helena, a year younger, values "lots of time for reading."

-- 'Anti-government sentiment' --

Homeschooling was commonplace in the early days of the US, when pioneer families had few other options in remote places without schools.

In its modern incarnation, however, homeschooling took hold in the 1970s among two very different groups of people, said Milton Gaither, a professor of education at Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania.

"It started among left-leaning young people influenced by the counterculture of the 1960s," said Gaither, who blogs about homeschooling at gaither.wordpress.com, in an email exchange with AFP.

He said homeschoolers rejected what they took to be the "deadening industrialization" of formal schooling and opted instead for a "more natural, more organic" approach.

New technology, particularly the Internet, has propelled the trend forward by making it easier for parents to swap ideas and build a curriculum that costs little if anything, Gaither said.

Christopher Lubienski, an expert in alternative education at the University of Illinois, said there have always been Americans unhappy with public education for theological or cultural reasons.

And he estimated that two-thirds of children are home-schooled for religious or moral reasons.



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One in five young Germans prefers Internet over sex



BERLIN (AFP) - Nearly one young German in five would rather do without sex than give up the Internet for a year, a poll on the country's online habits indicated Monday.

Eighteen percent of those surveyed said their drive to use the Web was stronger than their sex drive, according to the survey of Germans between the ages of 18 and 35 for lifestyle magazine NEON.

"The net plays an important role for the first Internet generation but there is also life beyond the World Wide Web," NEON said in a summary of the findings, noting that 57 percent said it was more important for their quality of life to have a balcony than a fast online connection.

It said young Germans who consider themselves "Digital Natives" had different tastes and lifestyles than their parents, with 66 percent saying they "rarely" or "never" felt overwhelmed by the online options at their disposal.

Seventy percent said that they only visit 10 or fewer websites regularly while just 12 percent regularly visit more than 25 Internet addresses.

"The study depicts a generation that sees the Internet as a fact of life but uses it care-

fully and deliberately," editor-in-chief Vera Schroeder said.

Opinion research institute Forsa conducted the poll among 1,016 people with an Internet connection.

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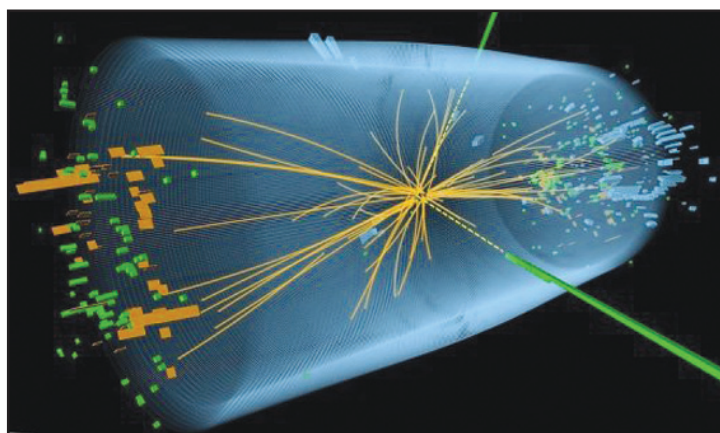
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Sci-Tech

Higgs boson: landmark announcement clears key hurdle



PARIS (AFP) - The announcement two months ago that physicists have discovered a particle consistent with the famous Higgs boson cleared a formal hurdle on Monday with publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Two laboratories working at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) had jointly announced on July 4 they had detected a new fundamental particle in experiments at the Large Hadron Collider near Geneva.

The discovery has been hailed as one of the biggest scientific achievements ever.

The teams, from labs called Atlas and the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS), on Monday each published their findings in the European journal Physics Letters B.

They are available at

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269312001852> and <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0370269312008581>.

Although CERN's announcement was never doubted, it still had to be vetted by peers and then published in an established journal to meet benchmarks of accuracy and openness.

Further work is being carried out to confirm whether the new particle is the famous Higgs, whose existence was theorised back in 1964 to explain why elementary particles obtain mass.

Without the Higgs, atoms could not form, which means the physical Universe would not exist, say scientists.

"The discovery reported in these papers is a momentous step forward in fundamental

knowledge," said Atlas spokeswoman Fabiola Gianotti.

"It is the culmination of more than 20 years of effort of the worldwide high-energy physics community to build and operate instruments of unprecedented technology, complexity and performance."

More than 5,000 researchers worldwide took part in the long quest, and both papers are dedicated to the memory of colleagues who had died.

Physics Letters B was where British physicist Peter Higgs first published a letter, "Broken symmetries, massless particles and gauge fields," that sparked the hunt for the boson.

His name is attached to the particle, but two other groups of theoreticians can also claim to have made major contributions.



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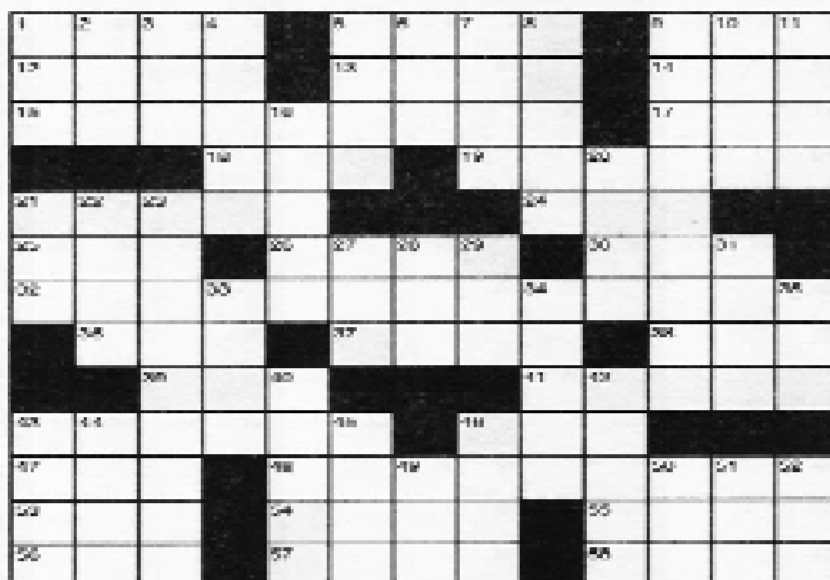
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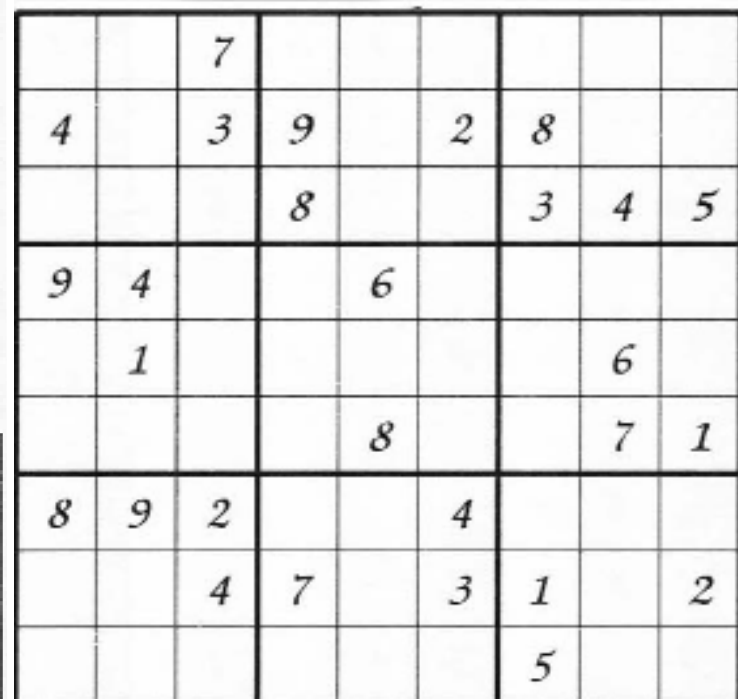
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Ford to create 1,200 new jobs in MI plant

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Ford said yesterday it will create 1,200 new jobs next year at its Flat Rock, Michigan, plant where it plans to produce the 2013 Fusions sedan.

The plant, jointly owned by Ford and Mazda but managed by Ford, produced the Mazda 6 up through last month, and currently produces Ford's Mustang sports car.

When Fusion production begins at the plant, it will employ 2,900 workers assembling both Fusions and Mustangs, Ford said.

Meanwhile the company, the second largest US automaker, said it is investing \$555 million in a new flexible body shop, allowing it to produce more vehicles at one location.

"By fully incorporating Flat Rock Assembly into our manufacturing system, we are able to take advantage of internal efficiencies that will streamline our ability to produce vehicles," said Jim Tetreault, Ford vice president of North America Manufacturing.

"This is critical as we increase our capacity to meet growing customer demand for

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China factories feel pinch of slowing economy



Photo shows idle store assistants in Dongguan waiting for customers. China says its trade surplus widened to 26.7 billion USD in August as exports remained weak and imports registered a surprise decline in a further blow to the country's slowing economy

Finance

World Bank urges E. Europe to curb 'shadow economy'

work in untaxed and unregulated markets for goods and services," according to the report "In From the Shadow: Integrating Europe's Informal Labor."

"As the impacts of the euro crisis, population ageing, and labor force shrinkage spread to emerging economies of Eastern Europe, bringing workers and firms in from the shadow economy is critical for long-term economic growth in Eastern Europe," the Washington-based development lender said.

The report was launched in Brussels at a joint Center for European Policy Studies-World Bank conference.

"The governments of the new (EU) member states in Eastern Europe simply cannot afford a large shadow economy,

neither in the short run due to fiscal concerns, nor in the long run due to the shrinking labor force," Katarina Mathernova, a World Bank senior adviser, told the conference.

Mathernova said the World Bank was continuing its role as a partner with the European Union in determining how to improve the economic performance of its newest members.

The report calls for promotion of the social value of paying taxes and gaining citizens' trust in their governments.

"Improved and sustainable high levels of tax morale can only be achieved through a successful liaison of three factors: corruption control, the quality of institutions, and the degree of citizens' participation," the World Bank said.



PAKISTAN, Karachi : Pakistani fishermen unload under-sized (trash) fish onto a truck before sending it to their buyers who use it as poultry feed in Karachi on September 10, 2012. Estimates show that over 50 trucks, each transporting at least 14,000 tons of trash fish, leave daily from Karachi fish harbour to the factories making poultry feed. With few checks on the practice from the local authorities, it is causing a huge negative impact on marine species as the ocean is losing its fish and shrimp resources at an alarming pace. (AFP PHOTO)

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9/11 Anniversary -- A Time to Remember, Reflect, Recommit



Tribute in Light memorial on September 11, 2010.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt gave a famous speech which labeled December 7, 1941 and the attack on Pearl Harbor, "A day that will live in infamy." 9/11 is, unquestionably, this generation's "Day of Infamy."

Comparing those two tragedies, and the comparative loss of life, one is struck even more by the monstrosity of the attacks on the World Trade Center. Both were open acts of

war; one committed by trained military personnel on what was considered a strategic military target, a major U.S. base. 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes were launched in two waves from six aircraft carriers. Battleships, destroyers, cruisers and 188 planes were sunk or damaged beyond repair, and 2,402 Americans were killed and 1,282 wounded. The Pearl Harbor attack was considered

a preventative action to inhibit America from interfering with Japan's plans to dominate the Southeast Pacific. History shows it proved their undoing.

The 9/11 attack was committed by a mere 19 radical Islamic terrorists, hijacking four commercial flights, turning America's own domestic assets into weapons. It resulted in the death of almost 3,000 civilians, non-combatants going about their every day

business, a number of them innocent children. This gives license to label the attacks as murder, and no philosophical rhetoric can ever justify such an act in the conscience of decent people. Counting in the lingering effects on those first responders from the toxic fumes, the death count continues.

The American Jewish Committee has issued a statement on the 11th anniversary of this day.

"Eleven years ago, our city and nation suffered monstrous acts of terrorism. We were attacked by radical Islamist forces not for a specific policy, but for who we are -- an open, democratic, pluralistic society.

"We remember the cherished lives of the nearly 3,000 people who were murdered on that fateful day, a day seared into our memory forever.

"We can only begin to imagine the enduring pain -- and irretrievable loss -- of the families, friends, and colleagues of those who were slain.

"And we recall the extraordinary courage of those who put their own lives on the line -- and, in many cases, sacrificed their lives -- so that others might live.

"Painful memories will always remain, as they should, but remembrance stirs us to reflect on both the evil and, yes, the good that emerged on that tragic day and in its aftermath.

"The good is rooted in the heart and soul of American society. Right after 9/11, as a country, we stood as one. We were all in this together -- as proud, strong, determined Americans. We must never lose that sense of common destiny.

"Memories and reflections of 9/11, and what has transpired since, inspire us to recommit to the core values that form the bedrock of the United States of America. We must never falter in the defense of human freedom and human dignity."

"And never again should we underestimate our enemies or suffer from a failure of imagination. 9/11 was a sobering reminder that those who despise what we stand for -- liberty, diversity, religious freedom, and women's equality -- will stop at nothing in the name of their demented political and religious ideology.

"We and our allies -- the family of democratic countries and common values -- must remain ever vigilant and ever united."

Director Lana (Larry) Wachowski comes out as transgendered



An after and before picture of Wachowski

TORONTO (AFP) - "Cloud Atlas" co-director Lana Wachowski this week publicly embraced her gender switch from Larry for the first time -- with bright pink dreads.

Her sex change was long rumored, but never confirmed as Wachowski had previously avoided interviews and publicity tours by insisting on no-press clauses in her film contracts.

Suddenly last month a promotional video showing her in pink dreads went viral and in a

New Yorker magazine interview she described how in school Larry didn't know whether to stand in lines with boys or girls, and opted for the middle ground, "exactly where I belonged, betwixt."

The New Yorker article revealed that Larry separated from his wife while shooting the last two installments of "The Matrix" trilogy after suffering from anxiety and depression over a long period.

In 2009, Larry divorced, began living as transgendered

Lana, and eventually married another woman.

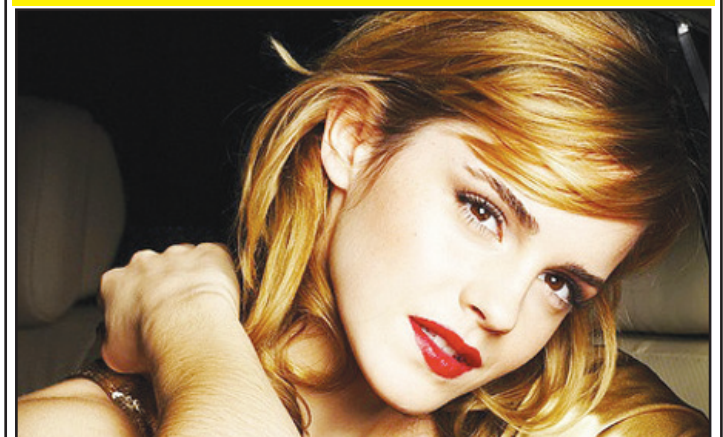
"I chose to change my exteriority to bring it closer into alignment with my interiority," with the support of her family, she told The New Yorker.

"I know many people are dying to know if I have a surgically constructed vagina or not, but I prefer to keep this information between my wife and me."

At a press conference Sunday at the Toronto International Film Festival for the world premiere of "Cloud Atlas," a globe-spanning, time-tripping, gender-hopping epic film based on David Mitchell's landmark novel, she explained why she is now breaking her silence.

"I did feel some responsibility to the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) people, and some people had been asking me to be more public," she said.

Evil software wizards target Emma Watson lovers



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Actress Emma Watson of "Harry Potter" film fame has become the most dangerous celebrity when it comes to online searches leading to malware, a computer security firm said Monday. This year, Watson replaced model Heidi Klum at the top of a list of actors, musicians, politicians, comedians and other notables used as online bait by cyber crooks, the security firm McAfee said. Evil software wizards out to lure Internet users to websites cursed with hidden malicious code routinely use stars, trends, or hot news stories to get victims to click on links which install malicious code. The viruses are designed for nefarious deeds such as commandeering control of computers or stealing passwords and other data. The most dangerous links were generated by searches combining celebrities with nude pictures or free downloads, according to McAfee.

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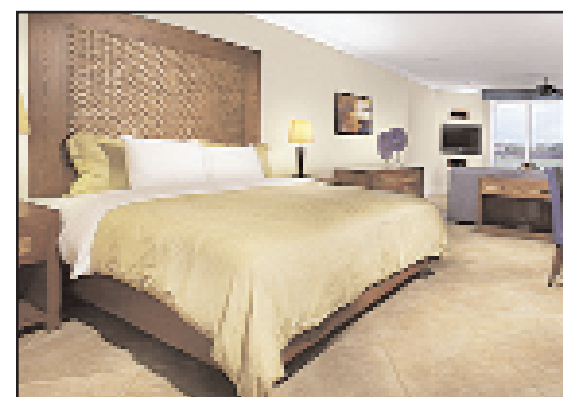
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A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an inter-

nationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy,

made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 7 a.m., patrons can now order 2 eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$3.99, (\$4.49 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, again, with free refills on fresh coffee. Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by

two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open early until 10-ish at night; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district at now extra cost for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

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SPORTS

Football: Uruguay need reaction, Argentina head to Lima



Radamel Falcaocelebrating his goal

PARIS (AFP) - After a crushing defeat in Colombia on Friday, reigning South American champions Uruguay need a positive reaction when they face Ecuador as South American qualifying for the 2014 World Cup continues today.

Le Celeste had gone 18 matches without defeat before suffering a 4-0 reverse in the sweltering heat of Barranquilla, never recovering after Radamel Falcao gave Colombia a second-minute lead.

Now Oscar Tabarez's side find themselves occupying the fourth and final automatic qualifying berth, a point behind Ecuador ahead of their showdown in Montevideo.

"I'm not worried about the morale of the players because it's not as if they were just born last week, I know what they can do and I believe in these players more than ever before," said the veteran coach, who led his team to the semi-finals of the 2010 World Cup

in South Africa.

"It was a hard defeat to take, but the only good thing to take from it is that we are not talking about our unbeaten run anymore. "The challenge for

of the game.

A similar job may be required to keep Messi quiet, although Peruvian fans did their bit by greeting the Barcelona star outside his hotel by chanting the name of his arch-rival, Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo.

Messi's current form is ominous, with 10 goals in his last six appearances for his country, and Sabella also welcomes back Javier Mascherano after suspension.

However, full-back Pablo Zabaleta is doubtful, while Fabricio Coloccini and Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero are both ruled out of the game, the latter due to a knee injury.

Peru are potentially dangerous opponents, and are looking to build on a 2-1 home win



France's Franck Ribery (R) challenges Argentina's Lionel Messi during their international friendly match in 2009



LONDON (AFP) - Huge crowds cheered Britain's Olympic and Paralympic athletes during a victory parade to Buckingham Palace Monday amid hopes that the golden sporting summer will give the country a long-term boost. Seen here Quadruple gold medal winning Paralympian David Weir taking the applause from crowds who lined the streets on which he won his final gold medal in the wheelchair marathon on Sunday.

us is to show that the Colombia result was an accident."

Uruguay welcome back Liverpool striker Luis Suarez after suspension, but several key players, including Diego Godin, Alvaro Pereira and Walter Gargano, are all just a booking away from a ban that would rule them out of the trip across the River Plate to face Argentina next month.

Argentina climbed above Chile to the top of the group with a 3-1 home win against Paraguay on Friday thanks to goals from Angel Di Maria, Gonzalo Higuain and Lionel Messi.

It was their sixth win in a row, including friendlies, and they now face Peru in confident mood.

Alejandro Sabella takes his side to Lima, where Argentina famously lost 1-0 to their hosts in 1985 after Luis Reyna man-marked Diego Maradona out

against Venezuela at the weekend, achieved thanks to a brace from Jefferson Farfan.

Meanwhile, Chile's home clash with Colombia is arguably the outstanding game of the midweek fixture card.

Chile, who trail group leaders Argentina by just a point, are looking for a fourth win on the bounce, while the Cafeteros head to Santiago fresh from their win over Uruguay.

Today's other game sees bottom side Paraguay face Venezuela in Asuncion. Both sides lost at the weekend and are in urgent need of a win to get themselves back into qualifying contention.

Fixtures

Today (kick-off times GMT=-4)

Chile v Colombia (1930), Uruguay v Ecuador (2130), Paraguay v Venezuela (2325), Peru v Argentina (0125 Wednesday)

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ABDUL ENJOYS ARUBA'S MNT PROGRESS



Eric Abdul is ready for the new adventure with the Men's National Team of Aruba. The goalkeeper of the Dutch team ASWH has his ticket in September to the CONCACAF Caribbean Cup, a similar tournament to the Euro Cup in Europe.

"Five years ago Aruba was on the last place of the FIFA World Rankings list, because of the good results in 2011 and 2012 we have climbed to the 157th place and there's room for improvement. It is one year ago that the Aruban Soccer

Federation took the decision to invite more players from the Netherlands to join the Men's National Team in order to compete in the World Cup Qualification rounds. We were knocked out by St. Lucia, after that we began winning matches. The selection is made out of players who reside in Holland and local talents. The mix of talent is good," according to Abdul to sport site VoetbalPrimeur.

One month ago wrote the Men's National Team of Aruba a new history when they won the ABCS Cup. And in September the Caribbean Cup is scheduled to take place in Barbados. The Caribbean Cup presents the chance for 4 teams to advance to the CONCACAF Gold Cup. "One year ago we lost the ABCS Cup final against Bonaire in a penalty shootout, but in 2012 we won the Championship at home with victories against Surinam and Curacao. In the Caribbean Cup tournament we are set against Barbados, Dominica and the Dominican Republic in pool play. The first place winner and the best second place will advance to the next round."



Eric Abdul (ASWH) has played six matches for the Aruba Men's National Team while his brother David Abdul (RVVH) has played three matches for the national team.

AVB would like to thank Edwin Radstaar for collaborating with AVB with these articles and in the near future we hope to expand this strategic partnership. Also AVB delighted by the opportunity that this prestigious newspaper The Morning News has given to us to expand the coverage and reach of our local heroes. For more information regarding Aruba's soccer please visit AvbAruba.aw

Source: VoetbalPrimeur.nl



MOSCOW, Russian Federation (AFP) - Ukraine's two-time World Heavyweight champion Vitali Klitschko (R) successfully defended his WBC heavyweight title here Saturday after the referee stopped his bout with Germany's Manuel Charr in the fourth round due to a cut over the challenger's right eye. The fight was stopped with 56sec remaining in the round. Klitschko improved his record to 45-2, while Charr, who was unbeaten before his meeting with Ukraine's 41-year-old veteran, fell to 21-1. Fighting in the 30,000-seater Olimpiyski indoor sports arena, the hugely-experienced Klitschko started the bout as a hot favourite in what was his 17th world heavyweight championship fight. Charr, a 27-year-old Beirut-born former kickboxer, brought with him an unblemished record in 21 fights and a seventh ranking by the WBC, but none of his opponents had been of the highest calibre.

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Serena beats Azarenka for fourth US Open title



NEW YORK (AFP) - Serena Williams captured her 15th Grand Slam title and fourth career US Open crown with a 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 victory Sunday over World No. 1 Victoria Azarenka.

In the first three-set final at the US Open since 1995, American fourth seed Williams joined her sister Venus and Steffi Graf as the only women to win Wimbledon, the Olympics and the US Open in the same year.

Pushed to her limit for the only time in the Flushing

Meadows fortnight, Williams was down a break twice in the third set but battled back to win after two hours and 18 minutes when Azarenka swatted a backhand long.

It was the fourth time Williams defeated a World No. 1 in a Grand Slam final after Martina Hingis in the 1999 US Open, Venus Williams in 2002 Wimbledon and Lindsay Davenport in the 2005 Australian Open.

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Olympics: Coe makes bid to become British Olympic chief

LONDON (AFP) - London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe revealed on Monday that he will stand to be the next chairman of the British Olympic Association.

Lord Coe was approached by the BOA committee as they search for a successor to Colin Moynihan and he confirmed he is ready to go for the post after masterminding London's bid for the Olympics and helping to deliver a hugely successful Games.

Coe's stock is sky-high at the moment after the triumphant Olympics and Paralympics and he will be the firm favourite to succeed Moynihan who is stepping down next month.

Any expressions of interest from potential rivals must be in by September 24 but senior figures within the BOA believe Coe, a 1,500m gold medallist in 1980 and 1984, would almost certainly be unopposed.

Speaking after the parade of Olympic and Paralympic athletes in London, Coe said: "I have been asked and I'm happy for my name to go forward. I was asked formally and on this day of all days why wouldn't you want to help."

"I wouldn't presume anything but I was asked, I thought about it, and I have always had a huge debt of gratitude to the British Olympic Association."

"They fought to allow me to go to Moscow, and actually everything I have done in the last few years might not have been possible had I not had that Olympic experience, so it's an organisation I have a deep, deep commitment to. The BOA is a fantastic organisation."

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABCA)- bridge results



BRIDGE RESULTS :

Thursday, September 6th 2012

A total of 7 pairs attended the bridge play at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1) Edith Henriquez/ Sheila Lampe 57.50 %
Maritza van Romondt/ Willy Flanegin 57.50 %
2) Henk Berghuizen/ Anne de Vries 53.13 %
3) Marion Pijper / George Manning 51.25 %

Please be informed that

next Thursday morning, September 13th there will be no bridge.

Friday, September 7th 2012

A total of 7 pairs attended our evening bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1) Joke Henriquez / Willy Flanegin 65.00 %
Fred van der Leest / Chris Joosten 65.00 %
2) Geke in 't Vel/ Marieke-Houwert 53.75

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of the Casa del Mar Beach Resort, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time.

Fee for guest players: US \$ 6.00 per person; fee for members: Afl. 6.50 per person. The club can also be of assistance in getting single players a bridge partner. Please call Addy Eilers: tel. 582-4953.